

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/FR2005/000354, filed on 16 February 2005.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 14, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, before line 28, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, amend the paragraph beginning on line 28 through page 6, line 10 as follows:

~~Thus the technical problem to be solved by~~ An object of the present invention is to ~~propose~~ provide a method used by a terminal to access a service via a multipath access network when that service is made available on a communication network by a service provider that, in situations where the terminal cannot know in advance how an IP service will be accessed, for example if it depends on the unpredictable implementation of the IP service in a multipath access network, would provide the terminal at the time of IP service discovery, and for example in an SDP file, information that would enable it to tune automatically to the correct channel (logical

channel/physical medium) of the access network or to the correct interface to an access network, without the access operator creating any tables. This information must be up to date at the time of service discovery. If an identifier that is invariant in time and in space is used, the information transmitted at the time of the first service discovery will remain up to date throughout the duration of the service.

On page 6, amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 through line 23 as follows:

~~According to the present invention, the solution to the stated technical problem is for said access method to comprise~~ This and other objects are attained in accordance with one aspect of the present invention directed to a method used by a terminal to access via a multipath access network a service made available on a communication network by a service provider. The method comprises the steps of:

the service provider supplying a mediation module with information relating at least to the address of said service in the communication network,

the mediation module determining at least one path identifier to be used by the terminal to access said service and associating said identifier with said information supplied by the service provider,

the terminal receiving said identifier associated with said information from the mediation module during service discovery.

On page 8, after line 4, insert the following paragraphs:

Another aspect of the present invention is directed to a system used by a terminal to access via a multipath access network a service made available on a communication network by a service provider, wherein said access system comprises a mediation module that is adapted: to receive from the service provider information relating at least to the address of said service in the communication network, to determine at least one path identifier to be used by the terminal to access said service and to associate said path identifier with said information supplied by the service provider, and to supply the terminal with said path identifier associated with said information during service discovery.

A further aspect of the present invention is directed to a mediation module for a system used by a terminal to access via a multipath access network a service made available on a communication network by a service provider, wherein said mediation module that is adapted: to receive from the service provider information relating at least to the address of said service in the communication network, to determine at least one path identifier to be used by the terminal to access said service and to associate said path identifier with said information supplied by the service provider, and to supply the terminal with said channel identifier associated with said information during service discovery.

On page 8, before line 9, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 8, before line 18, insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS